

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

Food Additive Petition 2B4330, submitted by Mitsui Toatsu, to amend 21 *CFR* 178.3295 to provide for the expanded safe use of bis(*p*-ethylbenzylidene) sorbitol as a clarifying agent for polypropylene articles intended for use in contact with food.

The Environmental Impact Section, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment prepared using the format described in 21 *CFR* 25.31a(b)(1) and on the following:

The concentration of the proposed additive expected to be introduced into the environment from disposal of polypropylene food-contact materials containing this additive is very low. The maximum concentration of extractable materials in land disposal site leachate is estimated to be well below 50 parts per billion.

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